

## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

### 5 ELECTION/RESTRICTION

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing three patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-4, 14-17, and 22, drawn to converting schemas into DTDs, classified in class 715, subclass 523;
- 10 II. Claims 26-28, drawn to a schema manipulator with tables, classified in class 707, subclass 101; and
- III. Claims 5-13, 18-21, and 23-25, drawn to validating and building an element tree, classified in class 715, subclass 513.

15       Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-4, 14-17, and 22. Non-elected claims 5-9, 10-13, 18-21, and 23-28 are canceled without prejudice, but Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in one or more separately filed divisional applications.

**CONCLUSION**

Claims 1-4, 14-17, and 22 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present application.

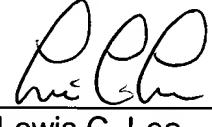
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